

TOWN OF AMENIA  
Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, June 17, 2010  
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard introduced Dutchess Legislature Chairman Rob Rolison and County Legislator Michael Kelsey at 6:00pm: **OPEN COMMUNITY FORUM** “Your Opinion Matters” to welcome citizens and address their concerns.

**DISCUSSION**

Revenues down – workload increased  
Board of Elections charge backs to towns  
Election voting machines  
Wastewater District  
Resource Recovery Management Service  
Salaries at County level  
Tax rates/tax levy  
Capital Improvement Projects  
Library budgets

Supervisor Euvrard called **Regular Board Meeting** to order at 7:05 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted and moment of silence for our brave troops serving world-wide.

Emergency Exits at right of town board meeting table and at rear of meeting room.

PRESENT:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

**NO PUBLIC COMMENT**

**County Legislator Michael Kelsey** reported three **Bonds** discussed at legislative meeting:  
Purchase five Generators for county office building **rejected**  
Additional Road Vehicles, snow plows, two roof repairs, bridge repair **passed**  
Eminent domain proceeding for property in Town of Wappinger **passed**  
Board of Elections will offer voter education on voting machines.  
Task Force Committee for Small Businesses in Dutchess County has been established.  
Jean Rebillard has been appointed member to represent Harlem Valley Chamber of Commerce.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Highway**

Stanley Whitehead reported work to begin on Tower Hill Bridge from July 12<sup>th</sup> thru August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Nelson Hill Road Bridge Project – Wassaic (CDBG)**

Supervisor Euvrard reported bid opening on June 16, 2010. Bids ranged from \$168,167.00 to \$266,000.00. Bast Hatfield, Inc, of Halfmoon, NY submitted lowest bid at \$168,167.00. Morris Associates' Engineer, Dutchess County, and Town Attorney will review bids. Michael Hayes, Town Attorney advised town board to obtain feedback from engineer and County before awarding bid to lowest bidder.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to schedule Special Meeting for Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to award contract for **Nelson Hill Road Bridge Project**.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

**Water Department**

Supervisor Euvrard reported new software will be tested for water billing.

**Building Department**

Supervisor Euvrard announced NO BURNING regulations from May 15 through March 15.

**Zoning Department**

Supervisor Euvrard reported that owner has been notified to remove sign at Antique building at Route 22/343 intersection.

**Grants**

Michael Hagerty submitted updated and proposed grant projects report. Wassaic Trail to Train grant application is due July 12, 2010. Resolution will be prepared for June 24, 2010 Special Meeting.

**Town Clerk**

Maureen Bonds reported final payment to DC Commissioner of Finance for property taxes in the amount of \$130,901.00.

Town Clerk's office will be closed on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.

Resolution #34 to establish standard work day for three elected officials has been submitted to town board for approval.

Requested a motion from town board to authorize the Town Clerk's hours corrected from part time to full time, retroactive to January 2008 election date.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Rail Trail Parking Lot**

Councilwoman Riemer and Councilwoman Doyle to review further (tax map).

### **Wastewater**

Councilwoman Riemer reported that grant has been submitted (RDA).

### **Enhancement**

Councilwoman Doyle will order four faux pots to replace wooden flower barrels at specific locations.

### **CAC**

Councilwoman Doyle suggested that the application for Timber Harvesting Corp be simplified. Michael Hayes, Town Attorney advised that Planning Board is attempting to streamline application and explained required process.

### **Recreation**

Supervisor Euvrard announced Summer Recreation Program to begin June 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **BUSINESS and DISCUSSION:**

### **Adopt-a-Road – ARC volunteers**

Michael Hayes, Town Attorney advised that Town of Amenia could adopt a Local Law for an Adopt-a-Road Program; pursuant to volunteers being responsible in clearing a portion of town roads. Town insurance premium to cover volunteers discussed. Town Attorney advised that a sign could be erected, recognizing a particular group. Supervisor Euvrard will meet with Highway Superintendent to discuss further.

### **Amenia Elementary School Acquisition**

Supervisor Euvrard submitted quotes for installation of phone and computer lines at new location.

Superior Telephone Systems	\$ 9,704.38
Cornerstone	\$36,000.00

General Fund and Highway Fund CD's are being reviewed.

Arnoff Movers will be moving furniture and files to new location.

Minor painting to be done.

NYSERDA Grant. After town obtains ownership, and spends \$70,000 for improvements, town will be reimbursed. Future Capital Improvement projects are proposed.

**Old Amenia Landfill Closure**

Certificate of Recording Officer has been completed by Town Clerk and filed with DEC C.T. Male, and Orrick. State Assistance Contract (SAC) has been received for Amenia Landfill. Supervisor Euvrard has contacted DEC representative, Janet Brown for further information, before signing document.

**Western View Farm/Shope Mining Application**

Dr. Klemens is working with Hudsonia. Survey should be completed by June 2010.

**Town Prosecutor**

Zoning issues to be added to town prosecutor responsibilities.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ACCEPT Bid from **Superior Telephone Systems** of Salt Point, NY to install workstation lines, located at 4988 Route 22, Amenia in the amount of \$9,704.38.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #34 OF 2010**

**THE TOWN OF AMENIA ESTABLISHES A STANDARD WORK DAY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND REPORT DAYS TO THE NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM BASED ON THE RECORD OF ACTIVITIES MAINTAINED AND SUBMITTED BY THESE OFFICIALS**

Supervisor Euvrard accepted hours submitted by elected officials; Stanley Whitehead, Hwy Supt. and Ronald Gazzoli, Sole Assessor, but rejected hours submitted by Maureen Bonds, Town Clerk.

Councilwoman Riemer accepted hours submitted by Town Clerk for three month activity, and stated that she has researched work hours expected for town clerk's position to be 6-8 hours per day. Hours submitted by town clerk are 7 hours per day on average. Councilwoman Riemer complimented the town clerk on her hard work and timely submission of minutes.

Direct questioning and clarification of the town clerk's submitted hours continued by Supervisor Euvrard. Town Clerk justified hours worked.

Councilwoman Doyle supported activity log submitted and recommended that issue be discussed in Executive Session, not in a public forum.

Town Clerk inquired as to whether issue of corrected hours from part time to full time retroactive to January 2008 required a motion or resolution approval by town board. Michael Hayes, Town Attorney advised that matter could be passed by a motion.

# **RESOLUTION #35 OF 2010**

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO ACCEPT AN OFFER BY THE WEBUTUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT TO TRANSFER THE FORMER AMENIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4988 ROUTE 22 TO THE TOWN OF AMENIA FOR ONE DOLLAR, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE PROPERTY WILL BE USED BY THE TOWN FOR MUNICIPAL OR PUBLIC PURPOSES. THE TOWN OF AMENIA SEEKS TO USE THE PROPERTY AS A TOWN HALL, WITH ADDITIONAL RECREATION SPACE FOR USE BY THE COMMUNITY, AND WITH A RESERVATION OF THE RIGHT TO USE THE PROPERTY FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL OR PUBLIC PURPOSES IN THE FUTURE. THE TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZES THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$100,000 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 24B OF 1995 FOR PURPOSES OF ACQUIRING THE PROPERTY AND CONVERTING IT TO THESE MUNICIPAL USES. THIS RESOLUTION IS SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer that was;  
ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

## **SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

Local events announced.

## **TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Riemer

Councilwoman Doyle announced that **Work Projects Administration Program** has built a community message board for Wassaic. Proposed sites: In the grass near Gridley Chapel or at the edge of Pocket Park. Program Director has submitted photo sketches to Town Zoning Administrator for review.

Complimented all the volunteers (named) that made Planting Day a success.

Councilwoman Riemer commented that the Amenia Elementary School will be an historical site in Amenia and was pleased with the unanimous vote on Resolution this evening.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kevin Cassone suggested that town board discontinue using Acronyms. It discourages public interest and involvement.

Herb Eschbach suggested that Dutchess County sign be moved to other side on Route 343 East.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to enter EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:35pm to discuss personnel matter and Powder House Road issue.

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION and return to Regular Board Meeting at 9:35pm, with motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilman Cayea, SECOND by Supervisor Euvrard to APPROVE Resolution #34 to establish Work Day Hours for Stanley Whitehead, Highway Superintendent and Ronald Gazzoli, Sole Assessor under the New York State and Local Retirement System. Town Clerk's submitted hours to be tabled for further review.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	No
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 NO

MOTION by Councilwoman Riemer, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to DECLINE request from Town Clerk to correct part time to full time status retroactive to January 2008.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to ADJOURN Regular Board Meeting at 9:50pm, with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds  
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: July 12, 2010

Approved by Town Board: July 15, 2010 4 Ayes C/Cayea Absent